Writing off Bank Loans

944. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN JHU : Will the Minister of NANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a oposal under consideration to ite off loans given during the last v years?

(b) whether this would amount a loss of Rs. 20,000 crores;

(c) whether out of loss of Rs. ,000 crores, loss of Rs. 17,000 crores : due by those who borrowed re than Rs. 1 crore and Rs. 10,000 res from borrowers ranging from . 10 lakhs to Rs. 1 crore ;

(d) whether any efforts have n made to receive these amounts; o, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN E MINISTRY OF FINANCE IRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA URTHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) RBI has reported that loes not maintain any such record.

Gold and Silver seized at major airports

945. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA:
SHRI S. AUSTIN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE pleased to state;

(a) the quantity of smuggled ld and silver seized at major airports the country during 1993-94;

(b) the value thereof;

(c) the number of persons arrested in this regard; and

(d) the concrete measures adopted by Government to check the smuggling of gold?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Progress Achieved by Rural Banks

946. SHRI S. AUSTIN:
SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether rural banks have been set up for development of the rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details of the progress achieved in this regard during the last three years, state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir. Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) have been set up with a view to developing the Rural Economy by providing credit particularly to the Small and Marginal Farmers, Agricultural Labourers, Artisans and Small Entrepreneurs.

(b) The achievements made by the RRBs in Deposit mobilisation and Disbursement of Loan for the last three years are as under:—

(Amount Rs. in lakhs)

Particulars	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Deposit as at the end of	498923	586783	693534
Loans disbursed during	74750	110785	119790

The State-wise details are indicated in statement I & II.